(*b*) the date of the receipt of the same; and

(*c*) the steps taken in pursuance of that?

MR. S. PARTHASARATHY AIYANGAR: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) 8-10-1945.

(*c*) It is under consideration.

Police out-post at Kangazha.

111. *MR. K. G. KESAVAN NAIR: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have received any representation for the opening of a new Police out-post at Kangazha in the Changanacherry taluk; and

(*b*) what steps, if any, have been taken in pursuance of that?

MR. S. PARTHASARATHY AIYANGAR: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The matter is under consideration.

Remuneration to the employees of the P. W. D.

112. *MR. N. D. PARAMESWARAN NAMBOODIRI (*The Travancore Jenmies, North*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether any additional remuneration is given to the employees of the P. W. D. for working an extra hour?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN (*Chief Engineer*): No.

Panthalam-Pathanamthitta Road.

113. *MR. VARKALA K. MADHAVAN: Will the Government be pleased to state whether any metal has been supplied this year for maintaining the Panthalam-Pathanamthitta road *via* Kaipathoor?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN Yes.

MR. VARKALA K. MADHAVAN: May I know whether the road was metalled this year?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: It was ordinarily under annual maintenance. This year the amount has been put down at Rs. 3,000.

Roads in Kunnattur and Mavelikara taluks.

114. *MR. M. K. NILAKANTAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kunnattur*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether they are aware that the following roads in Kunnattur and Mavelikara are not properly maintained and are not fit for any sort of traffic especially during the rainy months of the year:

(1) Adoor-Sasthancotta road, Kunnattur taluk,
(2) Parakodu-Kaipathoor road do.
(3) Kunnattur-Cherumood road do.
(4) Adoor-Thumpamon road do.
(5) Adoor-Kaipathoor road do.
(6) Mavelikara to 3rd mile stone of Kayamkulam-Punalur road, Mavelikara, and
(7) The road from the 4th mile Kayamkulam-Punalur road to Thazhava, Mavelikara taluk?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: No. Government are not aware.

MR. M. K. NILAKANTAN: The answer says that Government are not aware. But may I know which is the agency that is bound to give such information?

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DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: When this question came up, we had no information about those roads and that is why the answer is given in such terms.

MR. M. K. NILAKANTAN: So then, which is the agency that is bound to give information on the roads scheduled here?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: Certainly the Government.

MR. P. K. KUNJU (*Ambalapuzha* cum *Shertallai*): May I know whether any representation has been received regarding the unsatisfactory condition of the roads in that locality?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: I was actually taken over to one or more roads by the residents of those places. They are not as bad as is made out now.

MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI: May I know whether the Chief Engineer has enquired personally into the matter?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: I have actually gone and examined the condition of these roads in question. Different degrees of amounts are set apart for maintenance on these roads and to that extent they are kept in good condition. But during monsoon time, there is some damage which is attended to in the regular course of maintenance work.

MR. M. K. NILAKANTAN: May I know whether these roads are maintained yearly?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKTAKRISHNAN: As far as I am aware they are reasonably well maintained. I have recently made out a statement of the list of roads for the information of the members of the P. W. D. Advisory Committee and they have been informed of the increased grants allotted by me for such maintenance.

MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI: Do the Government intend to maintain those roads properly?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATKRISHNAN: It is the intention of the Government to spend the amount for repairs up to the limit of the traffic capacity.

MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI: Will they prosecute their intentions?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: Every thing can be done according to the amount available for the road. But it cannot be maintained as is done in the case of first class roads.

SAHIB BAHADUR K. A. MAHOMED: May I know what is the limit of the maintenance amount fixed for such roads?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: Rs. 150 a mile has been prescribed as the minimum amount by the P. W. D. Advisory Committee.

MR. P. C. ADICHAN (*Nominated*): പാറക്കാട്ട്,—കൊച്ചിട്ടൻ റോഡു തീരെ ഉപയോഗശൂന്യമായ നിലയിലാണ് കിടക്കുന്നതെന്നു ബഹുമാനപ്പെട്ട മെമ്പർക്കു അറിയാമോ?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: It has got a grant of Rs. 150 a mile and that has been spent on it. There is no metalling on that road of present.

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MR. P. C. ADICHAN: അടുത്തകാലത്തു കാളവണ്ടിയിൽ റേഷൻ സാധനങ്ങൾ കൊണ്ടുപോകാൻ സാധിക്കാതെ വണ്ടിക്കാരും ജനങ്ങളും വളരെ വിഷമങ്ങൾ അനുഭവിച്ചു എന്നുള്ള വിവരം ബഹുമാനപ്പെട്ട മെമ്പർക്ക് അറിയാമോ?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: Maintenance will be done according to the importance of the road.

MR. P. K. KUNJU: May I know whether a tender was called for the construction of the bridge at the 3rd mile of the Kunnattur—Cherumood road?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: I claim notice.

Construction of a bridge at Achankara.

115. ✱ MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether any report has been submitted to the Chief Engineer by the Quilon Executive Engineer regarding the construction of a bridge at Achankara on the Budhanoor-Kadampoor Village road; and

(*b*) if the answer to (*a*) is in the affirmative, the action taken on the same?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) An estimate for a foot bridge is under preparation.

Konathal bridge at Kumarakom.

116. ✱ MR. V. K. VELAPPAN NAIR (*Vaikom* cum *Kottayam*): Will the Government be pleased to state the action taken for the construction of the Konathal bridge at Kumarakom?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: The bridge had to be redesigned as the 6 piles according to original sanction were found entirely inadequate. As a result of particulars since found, the design was revised and sanctioned with a cluster of some 12 piles to each pier. 13 piles of 40 feet in addition to the piles already driven were obtained from Kozhencherry and driven. It is found that they were inadequate. The piles are being extended and driven further.

MR. V. MADHAVAN (*Vaikom* cum *Kottayam*): May I know when was this work sanctioned?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: 11 years ago-

MR. V. MADHAVAN: After the Government had sanctioned the work may I know when was the inadequacy of piles found out?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: Some time in 1944 the original design was submitted and in the early part of 1945 I found it out. I ordered borings to be taken and the piles were made available in December. A fresh design has been made and piles were dim. I think it has to be extended by 35 feet. The work relating to the bridge could be taken up and completed with the piles available now.

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